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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOI NOTE ON PAN AM FLIGHTS BEYOND ROME

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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON AUGUST 7 MFA NOTE 074/15044 DATED AUGUST 3 WHICH REFERS TO RECENT PAN AM AND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS ON PAN AM BEYOND ROME CAPACITY ISSUE, BUT NOT TO OUR MOST RECENT NOTES 473 (DELIVERED AUGUST 3) AND 483 (DELIVERED AUGUST 5) AND REPRESENTATIONS. MFA NOTE SETS OUT GOI POSITION THAT CAPACITY FREEZE MUST BE APPLIED ON EACH FLIGHT AND THAT LIMIT ON CAPACITY OFFERED COVERS TRANSIT AS WELL AS BOARDING AND DEBOARDING PASSENGERS AT ROME. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF MFA NOTE FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR OF REFERRING TO ITS NOTE VERBALE NO. 079/6064 OF PARIL 4, 1978, ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF B 747 AIRCRAFT ON THE FIFTH FREEDOM SECTORS OF PA ROUTE 110/111 BEYOND ROM TO AND FROM ISTANBUL, THEERAN, KARACHI AND BOMBAY, WHICH STIPULATED THAT USABLE CAPACITY ON SAID SECTORS WAS LIMITED TO THE SAME LEVELS AS OPERATED IN THE 1977 SUMMER SEASON, THAT IS, AT THE CAPACITY OF THE
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B 707 AIRCRAFT USED BY PAN AMERICAN DURING THE AFORESAID SUMMER SEASON.

(PARAGRAPH) ON THIS SUBJECT THE RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE COMMUNICATED THAT AIPROT DATA INDICATE THAT PAN AMERICAN HAS CARRIED, JULY, ON SOME OF THE AFORESAID FIFTH FREEDOM FLIGHTS BEYOND ROME, A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS SUPERIOR TO THAT (NUMBER) AS ABOVE AUTHORIZED AND, THEREFORE, HAS

OFFERED CAPACITY IN VIOLATION OF THAT AUTHORIZED.
(PARAGRAPH) DURING A MEETING HELD AT THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL
OF CIVIL AVIATION ON JULY 31, 1978, WITH THE PARTICIPATION
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PAN AMERICAN AND OF THE EMBASSY ON
THE UNITED STATES SIDE, AS JUSTIFICATION OF THE INFRACTION
AT ISSUE AN INTERPRETATION WAS GIVEN OF THE CLAUSE ON FREEZING
OF CAPACITY (ART. 5, PARAGRAPH F OF THE CURRENT ITALY-U.S.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) ACCORDING TO WHICH THE FREEZE
IN QUESTION RELATES TO THE AVERAGE CAPACITY OF THE 1977
SUMMER SEASON AND THAT TRANSIT PASSENGERS ARE NOT INCLUDED.
(PARAGRAPH) IT IS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER (AVERE RIGUARDO
DELLA) CAPACITY OFFERED ON EACH FLIGHT IN QUESTION IN ORDER
THAT THE OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
STANDING ON CAPACITY FREEZING BE RESPECTED. IT IS STIPULATED,
THEREFORE, THAT THE CAPACITY LIMITATION OF THE B 747 AIR-
CRAFT ON THE ABOVE CITED PAN AMERICAN ROUTES MUST BE UNDER-
STOOD (TO BE) FOR EACH FLIGHT AND DIRECTION, NOT
ACCUMULATIVELY, UP TO THE UNIT CAPACITY OF THE B 707 USED
DURING THE SUMMER OF 1977 BY PAN AMERICAN, THAT IS UP TO 180
SEATS--ALTHOUGH PAN AMERICAN, DURING THE EX POST FACTO
ITALY-U.S. CONSULTATIONS HELD LAST JANUARY IN WASHINGTON,
HAD INDICATED THE 146 SEAT B 707 CONFIGURATED AIRCRAFT
AS THE TERM OF REFERENCE FOR CALCULATING CAPACITY OFFERED IN
THE SUMMER OF 1977. IT IS ALSO STIPULATED THAT SUCH
CAPACITY OFFERED MUST BE UNDERSTOOD AS THE TOTAL OF PASSENGERS
BOARDED AND DEBOARDED AT ROME AND TRANSIT PASSENGERS FOR
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ALL OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED, FIFTH FREEDOM DESTINATIONS BEYOND
ROME.

(PARAGRAPH) IN REGARD TO THE FOREGOING, THE RESPONSIBLE
ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONSTRAINED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
MEASURES IN THE EVENT THERE ARE FURTHER INFRACTIONS OF THIS
TYPE. (COURTESY CLOSE). END TEXT.

3. TRANSLATION OF MFA NOTE 079/6064 WAS PROVIDED IN REF. (A).
AS INDICATED REF (B), MFA IS PREPARING RESPONSE TO EMBASSY
NOTE 743 WHICH WAS PHRASED ALONG LINES PROVIDED REF (C).
NOTE 483, AS STATED REF (B), IS BASED ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED
REF (D). HOLMES

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